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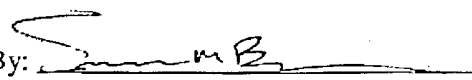
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-14 and 16-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 4, 8 and 15 have been canceled. Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the application by telephone on December 10, 2003. Claim amendments were discussed at that time for clarifying certain features of the claimed invention that distinguish the invention from the prior art of record. Those claim amendments have been incorporated by the amendments made herein. The amendments include clarification that the applicable rotor is a generator rotor; that fewer than all of the winding slots include a tuning slot; and that the width of the tuning slots is smaller than the winding slot or cooling channel. In light of these amendments, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this paper or application, or if any issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve such issue or question. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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